GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1904-05

(Madras)

File No. 293-04

Serial Nos.

Papers Filed.

*Month*_____

SUBJECT.

Appointment of an Agent to manage the Estate of the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami Matt situated in the British Territories.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
	746-08 Mis 315-15 Sk 1-2 M. G. 434 238

Dne

G.R.S. 11] 1904.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Madras)

NOTES.

File No.

FILE HEADING.

Appointment of an agent to look after the endowments of the Sri Vyasarayaswami Mutha Srivaikuntam in British India.

From

No.	Dated	Received

Diary No.	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

P.P.S.

NOTES—First Sheet.

GPB—30,000—12-8 11

Submitted to His Highness.

The disorganized condition of the Sri Vyasaroya Mutt and the relentless importunities of creditors having induced the Swamigalu to apply to Government to take over the management of the Mutt, all the land endowments in the State were accordingly taken charge of by the Muzrai Department, from 1st July 1903. The cash grant of ₹254-12-11 per mensem given by Government had been resumed some years ago and invested in the Savings Bank on behalf of the Mutt, and the accumulated savings now amount to about ₹49,000. The income realized from the land endowments for the past year has been a little over ₹8,000.

On the representation of the Swamigalu regarding the impecunious condition of the Mutt, a sum of ₹200 per month out of the cash grant was provisionally sanctioned from 1st March 1903, and this amount is still being continued. But the Swamigalu has been repeatedly representing that the amount given is inadequate to meet the monthly charges and that a larger grant was very much needed. Till reliable data

ould be obtained regarding the income from the land endowments, the management of which had been assumed by Government, this request could not be at once complied with. In June last when the approximate collections became known, Mr. M. Shama Rao, who was then officiating as Muzrai Secretary, was deputed to personally discuss with the Swamigalu the requirements of the Mutt and gather information from other sources as to the actual amounts needed for the various services in the Mutt in keeping with its time-honored dignity. After his return with the necessary information, a Committee consisting of himself, Mr. Srinivasa Murti and Mr. Lakshminarasihma Rao(the latter two being disciples of the Mutt interested in its stability) were appointed with Mr. Anantasami Rao as President. The Committee have submitted a report after careful consideration, and the items of expenditure which are considered essential both by the Swamigalu and the Committee are classified as below -

A + E

	Proposed by Swamigalu. Rs. as. p.	Proposed the Committ Rs. as. p
1. For the daily feeding in the Mutt - -	393 - 15 - 0	220 - 0 - (Lumpsum)
2. Establishment charges including the Brahmin and Sudra servants -	244 - 8 - 0	209 - 8 - 0

	Proposed by Swamigalu. Rs. as. p.	Proposed by the Committee. Rs. as. p.
3. Cost of maintaining two Police Constables as sanctioned by Govt.-	0 - 0 - 0	19 - 0 - 0
4. Amount payable to the temples - - -	1 - 8 - 0	1 - 8 - 0
5. Pensions payable to the relations of the Swamigalu - -	258 - 8 - 0	30 - 0 - 0
6. For miscellaneous expenditure payable to the Swamigalu -	0 - 0 - 0	20 - 0 - 0
Total monthly payments -	898 - 7 - 0	500 - 0 - 0
Annually -	10,781 - 4 - 0	6000 - 0 - 0
7. Annual payments for Hechukatle Santarpanes &c -	1,365 - 0 - 0	919 - 4 - 6
Grand total -	12,146 - 4 - 0	6919 - 4 - 6

The scale proposed by the Swamigalu exceeds the annual income by more than Rs4,000, and is extravagant. The scale proposed by the Committee is moderate and may with a few modifications noted by me be adopted. Nos. 3 to 10 in list I have no definite functions and are unnecessary. This gives a saving of Rs16. The proposal of the Swamigalu to grant monthly stipends to a number of his relations, if done with the approval of Government, will lead to the creation of undesirable precedents and will impose needless and burdensome charges on the funds of the Mutt, which are already

attenuated on account of past mismanagement. Many of those proposed for stipends can hardly be said to deserve them. It is however desirable to make some provision for the Wife of the Swamigalu and his son as a special case. The first may be given an allowance of 15 and the second Rs10 for the present. Item No.6 is unnecessary. The Swamigalu gets presents in the shape of cash and articles, and he can afford to defray therefrom any miscellaneous expenditure that may be occasionally necessary. Out of the total saving of Rs41, a Sanskrit Patasala may be established at Sosale, the head quarters of the Mutt, with two Pandits, one on Rs15 and the other on Rs12, and scholarships for 4 students at Rs2 each may be given. The propagation of religious learning has all along been deemed to be one of the essential and personal functions of every Swamigalu. Though the scale of pay given in ~~statement~~ list I appears comparatively low, yet as the employes get their daily food also at the Mutt and enjoy other perquisites when disciples entertain the Swamigalu, the scale may be considered sufficient to secure their services to the Mutt. The Swamigalu should have no power to vary the scale in any way, or make reappropri-
ations

without the sanction of Government. It is also incumbent.that correct accounts of expenditure should be maintained.

There is one other question connected with this Mutt, which was not referred to the Committee, as it did not come within the scope of their consideration. When Mr. Shama Rao visited Sosale in June last, the Swamigalu gave to his hands a letter addressed to me, requesting that Government might take possession of the Mutt endowments situated in British Territory also, and which are given in list II. This request of the Swamigalu may, I think, be complied with, and we may appoint an Agent who would be given a general power-of-attorney by the Swamigalu. The Madras Government, in connection with a loan raised on the security of one of the endowment villages called Vahakulam in the Tinnevelli District, have already inquired whether the Mutt is in good condition, and whether the services are being properly conducted. It is not therefore unlikely that that Government will afford us proper facilities for the management of the properties when we make a requisition for their help through the Residency. The Agent can be deputed to

visit the several districts of the Madras Presidency in which the properties lie scattered and ascertain their probable income and the encumbrances or other burdens, if any, existing on them. He can also generally supervise the management of the Mutt and its properties both in and outside Mysore. A man of intelligence and experience is needed for such a purpose and Mr. Baily Srinivasa Rao, who is a pensioned Amildar, still enjoying good health, will, I think, be able to do the work well. He may temporarily be employed on a pay of ₹50 with an allowance of ₹20 per month. Considering the magnitude of the work and its responsible nature, I do not think that a person on ₹20, as suggested by the Councillor, can be of much service, or can have any sufficient status in dealing with persons in British India. Efficient supervision is necessary and may be expected to result in the beneficial management of the whole estate.

The several proposals made may therefore be graciously approved.

10.XII.04

Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

11.12.04. 440

Proposals relative to the management of the Sri Vyasaroyaswari Mutt at Sosale in the Tirmakudlu Narasipur-Taluk.

Order.

The general Scheme Seems Suitable & is Sanctioned. I Cannot however Consider the agent proposed as manager of the estates in British territory a very happy Selection. Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao got in to Serious trouble during his Service for a most unwise act in Connection with a temple matter, and to the best of my recollection his general record as an Amildar was not good. There must be many deserving retired officials who have nothing against them.

~~KRW~~

19/12/04

23/12/04

Muzrai Secretariat. File No. of 190

The Asst.

19th January 1905

T. Ananta Swami Rao.

Submitted to the Dewan.
Through the 2nd Councillor.

228
19.1.05.

Sir I enquiry from
Endorse. Shri [illegible] 21/1/05
[illegible]-stamp
may be forwarded
[illegible]

Rec'd 64
21/1/05

21/1/05

Rec'd 64
21.1.05

6266
21.1.05.

Muzrai Secy will consider
the employment of the man
when the Devaya matter
[illegible] - What has been done
up to date and what is to be done
must be reported

23.1.05

24/1/05

Submitted to His Highness.

With reference to Your Highness' remarks on my proposal to appoint Mr. Baily Srinivasa Rao as a temporary Agent for the Vyasaroya Mutt, I am at a disadvantage not knowing upon what information those are based. I beg however to be permitted to state that my knowledge of him extends over several years, and as far as I have been able to ascertain, there has been really nothing against him so as to damage his character. The Service Register and confidential Reports received from time to time, contain no remarks unfavorable to him. It is true that in the temple case at Seringapatam, he got into a difficulty, but the indiscretion was due to an overestimate of what was due from him to the Parkalswamy. I was also aware that Mr. V.N. Narasimmiengar first recorded doubts of his character, but within six months after, he gave a testimonial in which he has spoken in terms strong enough to weaken if not remove the effect of his first report. Much cannot be said of Mr. Ranganayya's

remark regarding the eccentric appearance of Srinivas Rao. With the exception of these two, there is nothing said or recorded unfavorablly of him in the whole length of his service. For a post like the present one, the holder of it must still have some energy left and possess sufficient experience for the work in question, and take interest in the proper maintenance of the institution.

My object in writing at this length is more to explain the grounds of my selction than to defend Srinivas Rao or to press his selection. If His Highness is inclined to prefer any other to Srinivas Rao, then the choice may fall on M. Raghavendra Rao, who was formerly 1st Class Commissariat Transport Agent and Superintendent, Commissariat Cattle Depot at Hunsur, but has now retired. He once applied for the post of Amrit Mahal Superintendent and holds good testimonials.

7.

19.1.05

Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

20.1.05
542

Subject.

Resubmitting with further information papers connected with the appointment of a Manager for the conduct of affairs connected with the Sri Vasaravaswami Mutt, at Sosale.

Order.

I prefer the Dewan's alternative Selection.

~~K R W~~
24/1/05

25.1.05
510.

Read 5th.
25/1/05

Upon orders
Mr. Rosko
Venkatarama
Shetty has been
ordered what
he is to be
Manager with
Mr. Rosko
25/1/05

57-92

Subd to the Dewan

I beg to submit for inf[n] copy of an order issued relative to the appointment of M[r] M. Raghavendra Rao as Agent of the Sri Vyasaraya Swami Matt. The present order is in general terms, and a more detailed one will probably have to be issued later on.

4534/2.2.05

T. Chandrasekhara Rao
1/2/05

4669/05 — He may be intimated in terms of the order in this matter also kindly

6.II.05

Rec[d] 8/2/05

File 8/2/05

MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT.

Proposed alteration of the designation "Agent of the Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt" into that of "Mysore Govt Agent, Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt"

From

Mr M. Raghavendra Rao, Agent of the said Matt

Report No. 3133 Dated 21st February 1905.

In the above report, Mr Raghavendra Rao requests that his designation may be altered into "Mysore Govt Agent Sri Vyasaraya Matt", as his appointment under the present designation of "Agent of the Sri Vyasaraya Matt" merely, is liable to be misconstrued by the servants of the British Government and others as one having been made by the Swamigalu himself and not by the ~~Mysore~~ Government of H H the Maharaja of Mysore.

Slip Z.

The Govt Order No 2737-46,

MGCPB—500—21-1-05

dated 30th January 1905, which appoints
Mr Raghavendra Rao, describes him only
as "Agent of the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami
Matt", as represented by him.

Subd.
Jl
22/2/05

The designation may be changed
into "Agent on behalf of the Govt of Mysore
of the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami Matt"

Submitted to the Dewan
through the 2nd C.

Muantakammanna
23/2/05

272
24.2.05.

May be approved

26/2/05.

27/2/05

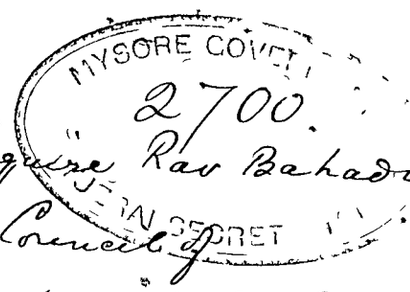
497
Raghavendra Rao - Govt.
Matter suggested
Raghavendra Rao
Agency is not continued

5046
27.2.05

5.III.05

Draft
7/3/05

Issued
7/3/05



To

C. Madiah Esquire Rao Bahadur
Member of Council
His Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore

Please register & submit with a short Note
18/1/05

The Humble Petition of M. Raghavendra Rao
First Class Commissariat Transport Agent
and former Superintendent, Commissariat
Cattle Depôt Hunsur.

Most Honored Sir,

Having been given to understand that the Managership for the Management of the Landed Properties of Sri Vyasaroya Mutt has been sanctioned by the Government of Mysore in the Muzaraie Department, I beg leave to offer my humble services for the same, and respectfully crave your honor may be pleased to submit, this my application, for the favorable consideration of Government.

2 Your honor is aware that, while in active service, I was for many years Superintendent of the Commissariat Cattle Depôt at Hunsur and in 1898, on my return from Field Service with the Tirah Expedition in the North west Frontier of India, I was transferred to the pension Establishment. My small pension being inadiquate for the support of my growing family, consisting many members, I am obliged to secure

some additional means for their li
by procuring a further Employment.

3. While I was in British service I had presented a Memorial (copy herewith submitted for favor of perusal) to the address of Her Highness the Maharani Lei Vani Vilas Sannidhana C. I.— the late Regent— praying that the then vacant Avurut Mahal Assistantship might be conferred on me, and this had the strong recommendation and support of the British Military Officers of the Madras Command under whom I was then serving. Even at the time of the retirement of Sir K. Sashadry Iyer this Memorial remained undisposed of.

4 Copies of ~~Testimonials~~ testimonials attached to the above memorial as well as of those earned by me subsequently both in Garrison duty & on Field service (also herewith submitted) might perhaps shew that I am one who would endeavor his utmost to maintain the efficiency of the business entrusted to him.

5. I humbly beg your honor may, while forwarding this application to Government, be pleased to support it with your honor's recommendation so that my humble prayers herein set forth may be kindly

For this act of Charity I shall feel ever grateful.

I beg to remain,

Most Honored Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

M. Raghavendra Rao

Retired First Class Commissariat
Transport Agent & former Supdt
Commissariat Cattle Depôt
Hensur

Bangalore
16th January 1905

I have known the petitioner many years & I feel sure he will do credit to the appointment he now seeks

R. P. Jackson Major
C.S.T.O.
Bangalore Brigade
17-1-05

To

Her Highness The Maharani
Vanibilas Sannidhana, C. I.,
Regent of Mysore,

May it Please Your Highness.

With profound deference and humble submission I, M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent of the Commissariat Cattle Depôt, at Hunsur, beg leave to submit this my application for the post of Assistant in the Amrut Mahal Department being given to understand that the present incumbent, Mr. B. Gopaul Iyengar, is likely soon to vacate it.

2. I have been employed for upwards of 16 years in the British Commissariat Department, as Agent of Transport Cattle, and from a perusal of the accompanying copies of my testimonials and references Your Highness will be pleased to observe that I have not attained my present position without rendering useful service in the various Commissariat Stations of the Madras Command.

3. My duties as a Subordinate in charge Commissariat Transport cattle, consisting largely of bullocks of the Amrut Mahal breed, afforded me opportunities of acquainting myself with a knowledge of Amrut Mahal cattle, together with such practical experience as is necessary to maintain them in good condition.

4. When it was necessary to transfer the immediate charge of the Hunsur Commissariat Cattle Depot in 1888 from the supervision of a European to that of a Native Subordinate. I, though then a Junior, received special promotion to the 1st class of Transport Agents, and was nominated to the charge by Colonel E. A. Bruce, the present Commissary General of Madras Command, as my intimate knowledge of the cattle of this special breed would be of service at Hunsur, where my duties are solely confined to the care of Amrut Mahal Bullocks, annually purchased by the British Government from Your Highness' State.

5. That my management of the cattle establishment at Hunsur for over 6 years has been characterized with great zeal and attention as will be clear from he extract of Lieutenant Colonel W. Cooke's letter B to the Commis-sary General, hereto annexed, and that all my Superior Officers have been kind enough to give me credit to the effecient and economical state of working in which the Depôt now stands. It may be mentioned, without exaggeration, that the good condition of cattle in my charge has invariably attracted the attention of officers who had occasion to inspect them, and I feel sure that Colonel A. H. Macintire, the Officer in charge of the Amrut Mahal Department would testify to this. This Officer's long experience of cattle farming should have undoubtedly convinced him that unless much skill, ability, and constant pains were bestowed such a result would not have been attained. His predicessor, the late Colonel A. C. Hay,

who was in joint charge of the Amrut Mahal Department of Your Highness Government and the Commissariat cattle Depôt at Hunsur, has recorded as his opinion that I am "a most excellent and valuable official, thoroughly acquainted with all the work of the Depôt."

6. During the visit to this Province in November 1892 of His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, the then Viceroy and Governor General of India, His Highness the late Maha Raja Sri Chamarajendra Wadayar Bahadur G.C.S.I. most kindly took the trouble of shewing to His Lordship, in the neighbourhood of Hunsur, the Amrut Mahal bullocks that were then in my charge. His Lordship was so struck with the good specimens of this special breed of cattle peculiar to Your Highness' country, that he was pleased to do the honor to the herds he inspected of taking a photo of them with His Lordship's own hands.

7. It may not be out of place to mention here that I am a native of Mysore, that my great grand father, Dewan Baboo Rao, was Dewan to His Highness the Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja Wadayar, Bahadur G. C. S. I. and afterwrds to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore in the early British Administration of the Province, and that my late father held responsible positions in the Mysore Public Works, Forest, and Revenue Departments.

8. Sixteen years continual service in the Cattle Department has enlarged my capacity for extensive work in the same direction, and the Mysore Amrut Mahal Department affording a wider field for the exercise of such a capacity I have ventured to offer my services for employment in that Department.

9. I may add that in the event of my request being granted, it will be my earnest ambition to work always with a view to promote the effeciency of the Department, consistent with economy, and that while doing so I shall endeavour to exert every effort to render satisfaction to the British Government in the matter of selecting steers for Army purposes, knowing as I do, from past experience, the exact nature of their want.

10. With the foregoing representations, I most humbly crave that Your Highness may be graciously pleased to extend Your Highness' motherly kindness by granting this humble application to a descendant of a family which has had the fortune of rendering devoted service to Your Highness' state under former Rulers.

For which act of charity I shall feel ever grateful to Your Highness,
and
Beg leave to remain, with profound respect,
Your Highness' Most Obedient and humble servant,

M. Rajkavendra Rao

Superintendent.
Commissariat Cattle Depôt
Hunsur.

Bangalore,
25th July 1895.

Testimonials and references of character of M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent Commissariat Cattle Depot, Hunsur.

Raghavendra Rao has served under me since May last as Public Cattle Mutsuddy. I have found him an intelligent, painstaking, and hardworking Government servant. He leaves on being promoted and transferred to Kamptee.

Bangalore, 13—12—79. } (Signed) B H. W. Magrath, Colonel, Asst. Comsy. General

---

A very deserving servant of Government.

Kamptee, 8—10—81 } (Signed) R. Q. Mainwaring, Colonel, Asst. Comsy. General.

Raghavendra Rao has given me every satisfaction. He is an intelligent man willing and painstaking.

Kamptee, 13th August 1882 } (Signed) H. P. Hawkes, Colonel, Asst Comsy. General.

Raghavendra Rao has been under me for a year, and is a willing Clerk and endeavours to please.

(Signed) E. MacMahon, Lieut., Sub-Asst. Comsy. General.

An accurate and painstaking subordinate, well up in his work.

Hunsur, 1st April 1835 } (Signed) A. C. Hay, Colonel, Officer in charge of P. C. D.

Works satisfactorily.

Hunsur, 1st April 1886 } (Signed) A. C. Hay, Colonel, Officer in charge H. C. Depôt.

Conduct very satisfactory. A very efficient and useful subordinate.

Hunsur, 1st April 1887 } (Signed) A. C. Hay, Colonel. Officer in charge H. C. Depôt.

A very able, clear headed, good Clerk, very correct in his work, and most reliable in every way, is recommended for promotion.

Bangalore, 1st April 1888. } (Signed) E. A. Bruce, Colonel, Asst. Comsy. General.

A very hardworking, intelligent man, good Clerk, and thoroughly reliable, and has worked up all arrears of work left by his predecessors.

(Signed) H. B. Walker, Lieut.,
D. A. C. General,
Executive Commissariat Office.

M. Raghavendra Rao joined the Depôt in May 1884 and was transferred to Bangalore in May 1887. Rejoining in December 1888. I consider him a most excellent and valuable official, thoroughly acquainted with all work at the Public Cattle Depôt.

18—2—89. (Signed) A. C. Hay, Colonel.

Makes an efficient Agent at the Public Cattle Depôt.

(Signed) R. P. Jackson, Lieut,
D. A. C. General,
In charge of Hunsur P. C. D.

A first class man.

(Signed) R. P. Jackson, Lieut.,
D. A. C. General,
In charge of H. P. C. D.

TRANSPORT OFFICE
BANGALORE
30—7—88

I have much pleasure in certifying that M. Raghavendra Rao, some time Head Clerk Transport Dept. at this station, is a very trustworthy, capable and intelligent subordinate. He knows his work well and does it thoroughly.

(Signed) E. M. Reed, Lieut,
D. A. C Gnoril

No. T/331,

EXECUTIVE COMMISSARIAT OFFICE, T. S
TRANSPORT SECTION,
Bangalorv, 26*th March* 1888.

From.

Colonel E. A. Bruce,
Executive Commissariat Officer.
Transport Section,
Bangalore.

To.

The Commissary General,
Transport Branch,
Madras.

Sir,

As I am given to understand there are some promotions likely to be made shortly in the Transport Section of the Commissariat Department I strongly recommend Head

Clerk, Madaksera Raghavendra Rao, for favor of consideration. He is a clear headed, hard working and very able and painstaking man, and well worthy of advancement.

II Since my arrival here in September 1887 I have found the Transport Accounts to be in a state of confusion owing to recent changes arising from transfers to Burmah, &c. Madaksera Raghavendra Rao has taken a great deal of trouble in unravelling these accounts and ascertaining who is to blame and given me great assistance in this matter which is one of much importance.

III He holds good testimonials. I enclose copy of a copy of Extract from Annual Return of Establishment, dated Hunsur, 1st April 1887.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) E. A. Bruce Colonel
Exc. Comst. Officer T. S.

Extract of letter No. T/1604, Dated 5th Octobe 1891, from Colonel E. A. Bruce. Commissary General, Madras, to tho Officer in charge, Hunsur Cattle Depot.

* * * * *

I was very pleased with my inspection of Hunsur and the surrounding Kavals Gumastah M. Raghavendra Rao appears to take much interest in his duties, for which he seems eminently well suited, as he is an active intelligent man. Please let him know that I highly appreciate the good work done by him and I trust he will in future continue to earn the good report I have now much pleasure to record in regard to him.

Mr. Raghavandra Rao, who is in charge of the Public Cattle Depôt, Hunsur, has asked me to express my opinion as to his qualifications in so far as Cattle management is concerned and I am only too glad to say that from my own observations of the cattle under his care I do not think that any exception can be taken to his methods, for a finer lot of draught cattle would be hard to find and their condition is very good indeed.

Mr. Raghavendra Rao takes great pride in his cattle and also takes a most intelligent interest in Veterinary matters connected with them and his success may be known by the very low death-rates and the capital condition they are in.

(Signed) E. H. Bazelton, F. R. C. V. S.,
Vety. Lieut., A V. D.

Hunsur,
February 2nd, 1893.

Extract of letter No. B, dated October 1893, from Lieut.-Colonel W. Cooke, A. C. General, in charge Hunsur Commissariat Cattle Depot, Bangalore, to the Commissary General, Madras Command, Bangalore.

* * * * *

6. M. Raghavendra Rao is a most able, competent and reliable man, an excellent judge of cattle and the Depôt in his charges is in a most thoroughly efficient state at present.

From

Captain N. Swanston

Chief Commissariat Officer

To

The Commissary General

Madras Command.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Petition from M Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent of the Commissariat Cattle Depôt, Hunsur, and in inviting your kind attention to the Endorsement of the General Officer, Commanding Bangalore District, on the Petition, I would request, should you concur in the opinion Expressed, that it may be submitted to Her Highness the Maharani Regent of Mysore, through the Resident of Mysore, for favorable Consideration.

2 The post of Assistant in the Amrut Mahal Department of the Mysore Government is one which Raghavendra Rao is well qualified to hold. His long Experience with Cattle of the breed and his intimate acquaintance with the requirements of the British Government in the matter of Transport Cattle, would render his services of great value to the Mysore State.

3 Should he obtain the appointment he now applies for, the Commissariat Transport Depart^t will lose in him a most Efficient Subordinate and one, who in the opinion of many, is said to be one of the best judges of Cattle in Southern India.

4 At the same time by his retention in this particular line in the Amrut Mahal Department his services will not be lost to the Department a

the quality of the Transport and Artillary Cattle obtained by the British Government will largely depend on his supervision of the Amrut Mahal Stud herds.

5. In submitting his application I would therefore beg to most strongly recommend the same, and trust that you be pleased to forward it with your approval and support, as the appointment will tend to improve the Cattle we receive from the Amrut Mahal Department, and thereby be in the interest of both the British Government and the Mysore State.

"Signed" N. Swanston Captain
Chief Commissariat Officer

To

The Commissary General
Madras Command.

From what I know of M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent, Commissariat Cattle Depôt Hunsur, and from a visit I paid to Hunsur this year, I consider that he is worthy of the position he asks for and strongly recommend his Petition to favorable consideration.

"Signed" M. W. E. Gossel
Brig. General
Commanding Bangalore District.

True Copies"
M. Raghavendra Rao.
Retired First Class Agent &
former Supt. Const Cattle Depôt
Hunsur

Extract of letter No 3583 Dated 16th October 1896 from Captain G. F. Watson, Chief Commissariat Officer, Bangalore District, to the Commissary General Madras Command, Ootacamund.

I have the honor, with reference to your No. P. 6338 of the 13th Instant, to inform you that your orders regarding the transfer of 1st Class Victualling Agent - - - - to Hunsur are noted.

2. I hope I may be permitted to place on record my regret that you should have considered it necessary to move Cattle Agent Raghavendra Rao, from Hunsur. As far as I know he has given all the Officers he has served under, entire satisfaction, he has taken the greatest interest in the Depôt, has only lately Compiled the Manual of Regulations for its working, the benifit of which he cannot now reap, and knows all the Kavals, the attendants, inhabitants etc.. thoroughly. As a judge of the Amrut Mahal breed of Cattle, I am informed, he cannot be surpassed, and with the deterioration that has gone on of late years, such a man is invaluable at Hunsur.

X X X

Extract of letter No. P-6612 dated 26th October 1896 from the Commissary General, Madras Command, Ootacamund; to the Chief Commissariat Officer, Bangalore District.

I fully recognize that Cattle Agent Raghavendra Rao has rendered good Service to the Department, and is very useful at the Hunsur Cattle Depôt, but as he has, unlike other Agents in the Department been retained

for so many years at one station, which moreover is against regulations, it has been considered desirable to transfer him elsewhere.

× × ×

" True Extracts
M. Raghavendra Rao
Retired First Class Agent
& former Superintendent
Commissariat Cattle Depot
Arcot

Babu M. Raghavendra Rao, First Class Transport Agent, Madras Command, was my Agent for about a month, I found him an exceedingly good man, very ~~active~~ accurate & painstaking, well up in all the Regulations and in general of the greatest assistance. I can strongly recommend him, and hope he will obtain an appointment worthy of his services.

"Signed" D. M. Bower Captain
2nd B. I.

Mastura } Transport Officer
2. 12. 97 } Irish Field Force.

Certified that M. Raghavendra Rao served under me as First Class Transport Agent at Mastura and performed his duties most satisfactorily.

"Signed" A. R. Deane Captain
Transport Officer
III. Advance Depôt

Mastura
2nd December 1897.

"True Copies"
M. Raghavendra Rao
Retired First Class Agent &
former Superintendent
Comst Cattle Depôt
Hunsur

Testimonials of Mr

M. Raghavendra Rao.

To

Her Highness The Maharani
Vanivilas Sannidhana, C. J.,
Regent of Mysore,

May it Please Your Highness.

With profound deference and humble submission I, M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent of the Commissariat Cattle Depôt, at Hunsur, beg leave to submit this my application for the post of Assistant in the Amrut Mahal Department being given to understand that the present incumbent, Mr. B. Gopaul Iyengar, is likely soon to vacate it.

2. I have been employed for upwards of 16 years in the British Commissariat Department, as Agent of Transport Cattle, and from a perusal of the accompanying copies of my testimonials and references Your Highness will be pleased to observe that I have not attained my present position without rendering useful service in the various Commissariat Stations of the Madras Command.

3. My duties as a Subordinate in charge Commissariat Transport cattle, consisting largely of bullocks of the Amrut Mahal breed, afforded me opportunities of acquainting myself with a knowledge of Amrut Mahal cattle, together with such practical experience as is necessary to maintain them in good condition.

4. When it was necessary to transfer the immediate charge of the Hunsur Commissariat Cattle Depôt in 1888 from the supervision of a European to that of a Native Subordinate. I, though then a Junior, received special promotion to the 1st class of Transport Agents, and was nominated to the charge by Colonel E. A. Bruce, the present Commissary General of Madras Command, as my intimate knowledge of the cattle of this special breed would be of service at Hunsur, where my duties are solely confined to the care of Amrut Mahal Bullocks, annually purchased by the British Government from Your Highness' State.

5. That my management of the cattle establishment at Hunsur for over 6 years has been characterized with great zeal and attention as will be clear from he extract of Lieutenant Colonel W. Cooke s letter B to the Commis-sary General, hereto annexed, and that all my Superior Officers have been kind enough to give me credit to the effecient and economical state of working in which the Depôt now stands. It may be mentioned, without exaggeration, that the good condition of cattle in my charge has invariably attracted the attention of officers who had occasion to inspect them, and I feel sure that Colonel A. H. Macintire, the Officer in charge of the Amrut Mahal Department would testify to this. This Officer's long experieuce of cattle farming should have undoubtedly convinced him that unless much skill, ability, and constant pains were bestowed such a result would not have been attained. His predicessor, the late Colonel A. C. Hay,

who was in joint charge of the Amrut Mahal Department of Your Highness' Government and the Commissariat cattle Depôt at Hunsur, has recorded as his opinion that I am "a most excellent and valuable official, thoroughly acquainted with all the work of the Depôt."

6. During the visit to this Province in November 1892 of His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, the then Viceroy and Governor General of India, His Highness the late Maha Raja Sri Chamarajendra Wadayar Bahadur G.C.S.I. most kindly took the trouble of shewing to His Lordship, in the neighbourhood of Hunsur, the Amrut Mahal bullocks that were then in my charge. His Lordship was so struck with the good specimens of this special breed of cattle peculiar to Your Highness' country, that he was pleased to do the honor to the herds he inspected of taking a photo of them with His Lordship's own hands.

7. It may not be out of place to mention here that I am a native of Mysore, that my great grand father, Dewan Baboo Rao, was Dewan to His Highness the Maharaja Sri Krishna Raja Wadayar, Bahadur G. C. S. I. and afterwrds to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore in the early British Administration of the Province, and that my late father held responsible positions in the Mysore Public Works, Forest, and Revenue Departments.

8. Sixteen years continual service in the Cattle Department has enlarged my capacity for extensive work in the same direction, and the Mysore Amrut Mahal Department affording a wider field for the exercise of such a capacity I have ventured to offer my services for employment in that Department.

9. I may add that in the event of my request being granted, it will be my earnest ambition to work always with a view to promote the effeciency of the Department, consistent with economy, and that while doing so I shall endeavour to exert every effort to render satisfaction to the British Government in the matter of selecting steers for Army purposes, knowing as I do, from past experience, the exact nature of their wants

10. With the foregoing representations, I most humbly crave that Your Highness may be graciously pleased to extend Your Highness' motherly kindness by granting this humble application to a descendant of a family which has had the fortune of rendering devoted service to Your Highness' state under former Rulers.

For which act of charity I shall feel ever grateful to Your Highness,
and
Beg leave to remain, with profound respect,
Your Highness' Most Obedient and humble servant,

M. Raghavendra Rao

Superintendent.
Commissariat Cattle Depôt
Hunsur.

Bangalore,
25th July 1895.

Testimonials and references of character of M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent Commissariat Cattle Depot, Hunsur.

Raghavendra Rao has served under me since May last as Public Cattle Mutsuddy. I have found him an intelligent, painstaking, and hardworking Government servant. He leaves on being promoted and transferred to Kamptee.

Bangalore,
13—12—79.

(Signed) B H. W. Magrath, Colonel,
Asst Comsy. General.

A very deserving servant of Government.

Kamptee,
8—10—81

(Signed) R Q. Mainwaring, Colonel,
Asst. Comsy. General.

Raghavendra Rao has given me every satisfaction. He is an intelligent man willing and painstaking.

Kamptee,
13th August 1882

(Signed) H. P. Hawkes, Colonel,
Asst Comsy. General.

Raghavendra Rao has been under me for a year, and is a willing Clerk and endeavours to please.

(Signed) E. MacMahon, Lieut.,
Sub-Asst. Comsy. General.

An accurate and painstaking subordinate, well up in his work.

Hunsur,
1st April 1885

(Signed) A C. Hay, Colonel,
Officer in charge of P C D.

Works satisfactorily.

Hunsur,
1st April 1886

(Signed) A. C Hay, Colonel,
Officer in charge H. C. Depôt

Conduct very satisfactory. A very efficient and useful subordinate

Hunsur,
1st April 1887

(Signed) A. C. Hay, Colonel.
Officer in charge H. C. Depôt.

A very able, clear headed, good Clerk, very correct in his work, and most reliable in every way, is recommended for promotion.

Bangalore,
1st April 1888.

(Signed) E. A. Bruce, Colonel,
Asst. Comsy. General.

A very hardworking, intelligent man, good Clerk, and thoroughly reliable, and has worked up all arrears of work left by his predecessors.

(Signed) H. B. Walker, Lieut.,
D. A. C. General,
Executive Commissariat Office.

M. Raghavendra Rao joined the Depôt in May 1884 and was transferred to Bangalore in May 1887. Rejoining in December 1888. I consider him a most excellent and valuable official, thoroughly acquainted with all work at the Public Cattle Depot.

18—2—89. (Signed) A. C. Hay, Colonel.

Makes an efficient Agent at the Public Cattle Depôt.

(Signed) R. P. Jackson, Lieut,
D A. C. General,
In charge of Hunsur P. C. D.

A first class man.

(Signed) R. P. Jackson, Lieut.,
D. A. C. General,
In charge of H. P. C. D.

TRANSPORT OFFICE
BANGALORE
30—7—88

I have much pleasure in certifying that M. Raghavendra Rao, some time Head Clerk Transport Dept. at this station, is a very *trustworthy, capable and intelligent subordinate*. He knows his work well and does it thoroughly.

(Signed) E. M. Reed, Lieut,
D. A. C Gnoril

No. T/331,

EXECUTIVE COMMISSARIAT OFFICE, T. S.
TRANSPORT SECTION,
Bangalore, 26*th March* 1888.

From.

Colonel E. A. Bruce,
Executive Commissariat Officer
Transport Section,
Bangalore.

To.

The Commissary General,
Transport Branch,
Madras.

Sir,

As I am given to understand there are some promotions likely to be made shortly in the Transport Section of the Commissariat Department I strongly recommend Head

Clerk, Madaksera Raghavendra Rao, for favor of consideration. He is a clear headed, hard working and very able and painstaking man, and well worthy of advancement.

II Since my arrival here in September 1887 I have found the Transport Accounts to be in a state of confusion owing to recent changes arising from transfers to Burmah, &c. Madaksera Raghavendra Rao has taken a great deal of trouble in unravelling these accounts and ascertaining who is to blame and given me great assistance in this matter which is one of much importance.

III He holds good testimonials. I enclose copy of a copy of Extract from Annual Return of Establishment, dated Hunsur, 1st April 1887.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) E. A. Bruce Colonel
Exc. Comst. Officer T. S.

Extract of letter No. T/1604, Dated 5th October 1891, *from Colonel E. A. Bruce. Commissary General, Madras, to the Officer in charge, Hunsur Cattle Depot.*

* * * *

I was very pleased with my inspection of Hunsur and the surrounding Kavals Gumastah M. Raghavendra Rao appears to take much interest in his duties, for which he seems eminently well suited, as he is an active intelligent man. Please let him know that I highly appreciate the good work done by him and I trust he will in future continue to earn the good report I have now much pleasure to record in regard to him.

Mr Raghavandra Rao, who is in charge of the Public Cattle Depôt, Hunsur, has asked me to express my opinion as to his qualifications in so far as Cattle management is concerned and I am only too glad to say that from my own observations of the cattle under his care I do not think that any exception can be taken to his methods, for a finer lot of draught cattle would be hard to find and their condition is very good indeed.

Mr. Raghavendra Rao takes great pride in his cattle and also takes a most intelligent interest in Veterinary matters connected with them and his success may be known by the very low death-rates and the capital condition they are in.

(Signed) C. H. Hazelton, F. R. C. V. S.,
Vety Lieut., A V D.

Hunsur,
February 2nd, 1893.

Extract of letter No. B, dated October 1893, *from Lieut.-Colonel W Cooke, A. C. General, in charge Hunsur Commissariat Cattle Depot, Bangalore, to the Commissary General, Madras Command, Bangalore.*

* * * * *

6. M. Raghavendra Rao is a most able, competent and reliable man, an excellent judge of cattle and the Depôt in his charges in a most thoroughly efficient state at present.

From

Captain N. Swanston

Chief Commissariat officer

To

The Commissary General

Madras Command.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Petition from M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent of the Commissariat Cattle Depôt, Hunsur, and in inviting your kind attention to the Endorsement of the General Officer, Commanding Bangalore District on the Petition, I would request, should you concur in the opinion expressed, that it may be submitted to Her Highness the Maharani Regent of Mysore, through the Resident of Mysore, for favorable consideration.

2 The post of Assistant in the Amrut Mahal Department of the Mysore Government is one which Raghavendra Rao is well qualified to hold. His long experience with Cattle of the breed and his intimate acquaintance with the requirements of the British Government in the matter of Transport Cattle, would render his service

Depôt

of great value to the Mysore State

3. Should he obtain the appointment he now applies for, the Commissariat Transport Department will lose in him a most efficient Subordinate and one, who in the opinion of many, is said to be one of the best judges of Cattle in Southern India.

4. At the same time by his retention in this particular line in the Amrut Mahal Department, his services will not be lost to the Department as the quality of the Transport and Artillary Cattle obtained by the British Government will largely depend on his supervision of the Amrut Mahal stud herds.

5 In Submitting his application I would therefore beg to most strongly recommend the same, and trust that you be pleased to forward it with your approval and support, as the appointment will tend to improve the Cattle we receive from the Amrut Mahal Department, and thereby

in the interest of both the
Government and the Mysore State.

"Signed" A. Swanston Captain
Chief Commissariat Officer
Bangalore District.

To
The Commissary General
Madras Command

From what I know of M. Raghavendra Rao, Superintendent, Commissariat Cattle Depôt, Hunsur, and from a visit I paid to Hunsur this year, I consider that he is worthy of the position he asks for and strongly recommend his Petition to favorable Consideration.

"Signed" M. W. E. Gosset
Brig: General
Commanding Bangalore Dist.

"True Copies"
M. Raghavendra Rao
Retired First Class Agent &
former Supdt Comat Cattle Depôt
Hunsur

ack. of letter No. 3583 dated 16th October 1896 from Captain G. F. Watson Chief Commissariat Officer, Bangalore district to the Commissary General, Madras Command, Ootacamund.

I have the honor, with reference to your Lr. No. P/6338 of the 13th Instant, to inform you that your orders regarding the transfer of 1st Class Victualling Agent - - - - - to Hunsur are noted.

2 I hope I may be permitted to place on record my regret that you should have considered it necessary to move Cattle Agent Raghavendra Rao, from Hunsur. So far as I know he has given all the satisfaction he has served under, Suture has only lately compiled the Manual of Regulations for its working, the benifit of which he cannot now reap, and knows all the Kavals, the attendants, inhabitants etc:, through As a judge of the Amrut Mahal breed of Cattle, I am informed, he cannot be surpassed, and with the deterioration that has gone on of late years, such a man is invaluable at

Hunsur.

Extract of letter No. P/6612 dated 26th October 1896 from the Commissary General Madras Command, Ootacamund to the Chief Commissariat Officer Bangalore District.

I fully recognize that Cattle Agent Raghavendra Rao has rendered good service to the department, and is very useful at the Honsur Cattle Depôt, but as he has, unlike other agents in the department been retained for so many years at one station, which moreover is against Regulations, it has been considered desirable to transfer him elsewhere.

" True Extract

M. Raghavendra Rao
Retired First Class Agent
for Supdt Consl Cattle Depôt
Honsur

Babu M. Raghavendra Rao, First Class Transport Agent, Madras Command was my Agent for about a month, I found him an exceedingly good man, very accurate & painstaking, well up in all the regulations and in general of the greatest assistance. I can strongly recommend him and hope he will obtain an appointment worthy of his services.

"Signed" D. M. Bower Captain
2nd B. I.

Transport Officer
First Field Force

Mastura
2.12.97

Certified that M. Raghavendra Rao served under me as First Class Transport Agent at Mastura and performed his duties most satisfactorily.

"Signed" A. R. Deane Captain

Transport Officer
III Advance Depot

Mastura
2nd December 1897

True Copies
M. Raghavendra Rao
Retired First Class Agent
& Former Supt Const. Cattle Depot
Mandalay

Ex: by

Dated 30/1/05

Ex: of the Govt- of

Nagpur

Memorandum.

Order: — No: 2737-46,
Dated 30th January 1905.
With reference to
para 4 of the Govt-
Ex no 2474-5 dated
16th January 1905

Mr. M. R
Ry, Retired 1st Class
Commissariat-
Agent and
Commissariat- Ex
Depôt- at Itarsee, is
temporarily appointed
Agent- of the Ex
Vyaswanyaswami matt,
on a pay of Rs 50 with
a travelling allowance
Rs 20 per month — with
effect from the 25th January
'05.

2. He will be under the
direct- orders of the
Secretary to Government-
in the Nagpur Department

with his Head-quarters at
Bangalore –

3. He will be given a
general power-of-attorney
by the Swamigalwaru
and will be deputed by
the Amzgni Secretary to
visit the several ~~Districts~~
places in the British Territories
in which the Mutt properties
lie scattered and
ascertain their probable
income and the encumbrances
or other burdens, if
any, existing on them
and manage the whole
estate in the said Territories
under the direct-
ions of the
Government in the
Amzgni Department.
He will also ~~generally~~

~~Generally Supervise~~

visit the Water Properties situated in the Supreme State, whenever required to do so, and report upon their affairs to the Surveyor General.

4. He should maintain a Diary of the work done by him whenever he leaves the Head Quarters on duty, and submit a copy of it to the Surveyor General once a week

~~By order~~

Dft

30/1/05

Secretary

Surveyor General Dept

I.

The Dy Comrs of Dlo

" Comptroller to Govt

~~Dlo~~ Mr ~~Secy~~ Rupchumondra Roy

~~Extract of~~ I

~~to the Comptr~~

Copy to the Swamigalawara with a Vigilance Patika

Proceedings of the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore.

M U Z R A I.

Order thereon No. 2737-46 Dated Bangalore, 30th January 1905.

With reference to para 4 of the Government Proc edings No. 2474-5 dated 16th January 1905 Mr. M. Raghavendra Rao, retired 1st class Commissariat Transport Agent and Superintendent, Commissariat cattle Depot at Hunsur, is temporarily appointed Agent of the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami Matt on a pay of Rs. 50 with a travelling allowance of Rs. 20 per month with effect from the 2 th January 1905.

2. He will be under the direct orders of the Secretary to Government in the Muzrai Department with his Head Quarters at Bangalore.

3. He will be given a general power of attorney by the Swamigalavaru and will be deputed by the Muzrai Secretary to visit the several places in the British Territories in which the att properties lie scattered and ascertain their probable in- ome and the encumbrances or other burdens, if any, existing on hem and manage the whole estate in the said Territories under he direct orders of Government in the Muzrai Department. He will lso visit the Matt properties situated in the Mysore State, henever required to do so, and report upon their affairs to he Muzrai Secretary.

He should maintain a Diary of the work done by him henever he leaves the Head Quarters on duty, and submit a copy of it to the Muzrai Secretary once a week.

Secretary,
Muzrai Department.

To.

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
" " Comptroller to the Government of H.H.the Maharaja of Mysore
" " Mr. M. Raghavendra Rao.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzrai, dated 30th January 1905.

No. 2737—46, DATED BANGALORE, 30TH JANUARY 1905.

ORDER.—With reference to para 4 of the Government Proceedings No. 2474-5, dated 16th January 1905, Mr. M. Raghavendra Rao, retired 1st class Commissariat Transport Agent and Superintendent, Commissariat Cattle Depot at Hunsur, is temporarily appointed Agent of the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami Matt on a pay of Rs. 50 with a travelling allowance of Rs. 20 per month, with effect from the 25th January 1905.

2. He will be under the direct orders of the Secretary to Government in the Muzrai Department with his head-quarters at Bangalore.

3. He will be given a general power-of-attorney by the Swamigalavaru and will be deputed by the Muzrai Secretary to visit the several places in the British Territories in which the Matt properties lie scattered and ascertain their probable income and the encumbrances or other burdens, if any, existing on them and manage the whole estate in the said Territories under the direct orders of Government in the Muzrai Department. He will also visit the Matt properties situated in the Mysore State, whenever required to do so, and report upon their affairs to the Muzrai Secretary.

4. He should maintain a diary of the work done by him whenever he leaves the head-quarters on duty, and submit a copy of it to the Muzrai Secretary once a week.

L. ANANTASAMI RAO,
Secy. to Govt., Muzrai Dept.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Comptroller to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
Mr. M. Raghavendra Rao.

EXD.—G. S.

1904-05

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

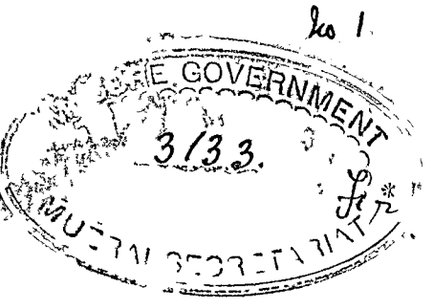
Dated 30th January 1905

No. 2737—46

Sanctioning the temporary appointment of an Agent to manage the estate of the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami Matt situated in the British Territories.

S BP—9-2 05-200

No 1.



From M Raghavendra Rao
Agent
Sri Vyasaroya Matt
Bangalore

To L Ananthasami Rao Esquire
Secretary to the Government of Mysore
Inam Department
Bangalore

Sir,

I beg to state that your orders No. 2909 and 2915 dated 10th Instant have been referred to me as "Agent of Sri Vyasaroya Matt" and respectfully to point out that such a designation would indicate, more especially to those Government Servants and others in the British Territories, that I am an Agent appointed by Sri Vyasaroya Matt Swamigalavaru himself, while I am an Agent specially appointed by the Government of Mysore in the Inam Department. If you also agree with me in this view I would beg leave to request that you may be pleased to alter the designation as "Mysore

Government Agent Sri Vyasaroya Matt."

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

M. Raghavendra Rao

Agent

Sri Vyasaroya Matt.

Bangalore
21st February 1905

MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

190 —190

From

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

Dated 16
Despatched March 1905.
Received
General No. 3439-47 & 3448
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No.

Official Memorandum

The deputation of
Mr M Raghavendra Rao,
who was appointed "Agent of
the Sri Sosale Vyasarayaswami
matt" under Govt Ro. No. 2737-46
D 30th January 1905, will be ~~continued~~
changed into
be designated "Mysore Govt Agent
Sri Vyasaraya matt".

By Order,

Dewan's order)

14/3/05
Secretary
Muz: Dept

To 14/3/05
The Deputy Commrs of Districts
" Comptr, Mysore Govt,
Copy to Mr M Raghavendra Rao

M C.P.B.—1,000—5-10-04.